

REMARKS

Claims 51-72 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-50 are canceled and claims 51-72 are added. Support for new claims 51-72 can be found at least at Fig. 5 and the corresponding disclosure in the specification. No new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Goff at the interview held November 16, 2009, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

Claims 25, 40 and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement; claims 20, 35 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite; claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Wermelinger et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,241,157); claims 1 and 6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Anderson (U.S. Patent No. 5,690,776) in view of Wermelinger; claims 2-4 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Anderson and Wermelinger and further in view of Sakamoto et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0015512) or Penn (U.S. Patent No. 3,408,478); claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Anderson in view of Wermelinger and further in view of Crispin (U.S. Patent No. 2,901,012), Fox (U.S. Patent No. 5,860,197) or Riley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,221,419); claims 11-14, 16-29 and 31-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Anderson in view of Sakamoto or Penn; claims 15 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Anderson and Sakamoto or Penn and further in view of Applicant's Alleged Admitted Prior Art (AAAPA); claim 50 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Anderson in view of Wermelinger, Sakamoto, or Penn in view of AAAPA; and claims 23 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Anderson and Sakamoto or Penn and further in view of Wermelinger. The above rejections are moot in

view of the cancellation of claims 1-50. Applicant thus respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections.

Further, as discussed during the personal interview, the currently pending claims are novel over the cited art. For example, the art of record does not teach and would not have rendered obvious:

(1) "a body that houses at least one battery, the body being at least partially movable within the sleeve; [and] a heater element coupled to a holder, the holder being coupled to the body," as recited in independent claims 51 and 60;

(2) "a pair of clamps each including a first portion and a second portion, the pair of clamps being coupled to and extending beyond an axial end of the sleeve," as recited in independent claim 60;

(3) "wherein the screw, or a combination of screws, includes left-handed and right-handed threads," as recited in claims 53 and 61; and

(4) "wherein the handheld welder is cordless," as recited in claims 58 and 66.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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